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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
NAOHIKO UCHIUMI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: THEODORE, MAGALI P.
SERIAL NO.: 10/521,468 :
FILED: AUGUST 24, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1791
FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING :
PELLET OF ETHYLENE/VINYL
ALCOHOL COPOLYMER

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 17, 2009, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 8-25 are pending, claims 17-25 having been withdrawn from consideration.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

A. Ninomiya, Yamauchi and Kawahara 616

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 8-13 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over EP 1 085 028 A1 to Ninomiya et al. ("Ninomiya") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,302,417 to Yamauchi et al. ("Yamauchi") and EP 1 072 6016 A1 to Kawahara et al. ("Kawahara 616"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.